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Congressman Flake Commends Bush Administration for Efforts to Bring Democracy to Cuba

Washington, D.C. - Arizona Congressman Jeff Flake, a member of the House International Relations Committee and member of the House Cuba Working Group, today praised the Bush Administration for its work to bring democracy to Cuba, such as distributing free radios and meeting with dissident groups.

USA Today reported today that the Bush Administration is working to promote democracy and freedom in Cuba, despite the disapproval of communist dictator Fidel Castro.

“The U.S. ought to be doing what it can to undermine Fidel Castro and promote democracy in Cuba,” said Flake. **“I am pleased to learn of efforts inside Cuba to do this.”**

In July, Congressman Flake sponsored an amendment to the Treasury-Postal Appropriations bill that effectively lifts the ban that prevents Americans from traveling to Cuba. The amendment passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 262 to 167. Congressman Flake believes that allowing Americans to travel to Cuba will help spread American values and democracy which will undermine the communist regime.

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